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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-14, 17, and 21-41 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 26 are independent. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner indicated that claims 1-3, 7-14, 17, and 21-25 are allowed. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected new claims 26-41 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhao et al. in view of Wainer et al. Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's obviousness rejection, and in order to expedite prosecution of the allowed claims, Applicants hereby cancel claims 26-41 without prejudice to further prosecute in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicants assert the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action on the merits of the claims is therefore earnestly solicited. The requisite 3-month extension fee was previously charged to Deposit Account No. **50-2862**. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (949) 760-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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